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148/1972 RESTORATION OF RAIL SERVICES - 510124
JUN. 1944 - JUL. 1945

ALLIED FORCE LOCAL RESOURCES SECTION
A.F.H.Q.

IRS/327/117

SUBJECT : Potatoes - AVEZZANO

TO : ST AMB.

Postal Address:
AFLES Rome Area Allied Command
C. M. F.

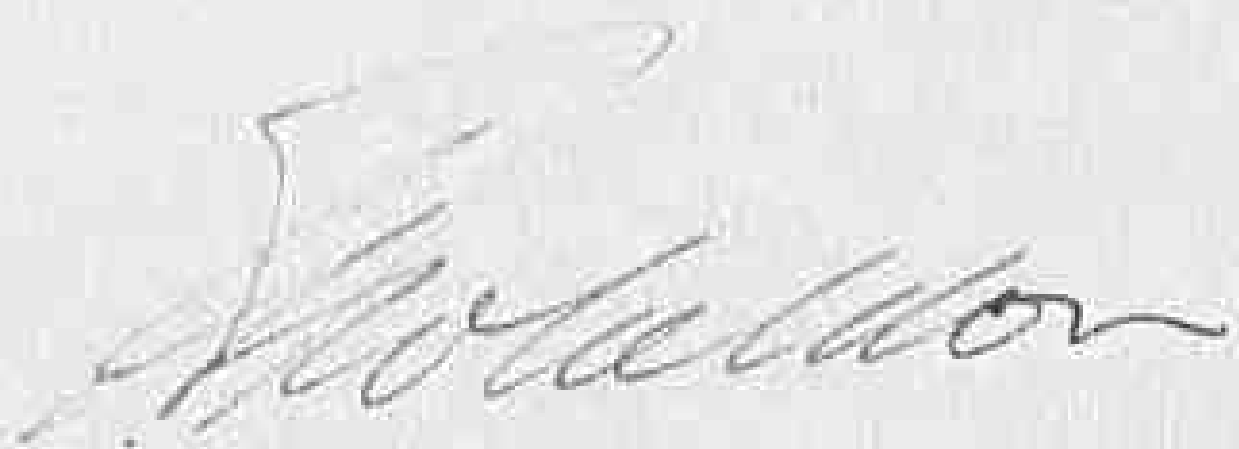
Telephone: ROME 66062

15 June 45.

Further to this Section letter IRS/327/116 dated 10 June 45.

1. Information has been received from HQ ALCOM Transportation Sub-Commission that it is not intended for the time being to repair the railway line between AVEZZANO and PATERNO.

GFW/REF


G.F. WELDON, Captain,
for Chiefs of Section,
A.F.L.R.S.

Copy to HQ ALCOM Transportation Sub-Commission - reference conversation
Lt-Col. LINDBERGH - Capt WELDON.

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TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION, AC
(RAIL DIVISION)
c/o Transportation Increment
C.M.F.

11 April 1945

T el. 843238
Ref. AC/16/1/Tn 4

SUBJECT : Increased Services Circumetna Railway - Sicily.

TO : Ministry of Transports
General Inspectorate MCTC

1. Reference your letter March 31 - 1945, File 5 - Uff.2931.
2. It is regretted that additional coal cannot be authorized for increased services on the circumetna Railway at this time.
3. We do not object however to increased services where they can be handled by the use of Diesel operated power.

P.G.MATSON, Major T.C.

for MERRITT H. TAYLOR
Director.

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MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTS
GEN. INSP. MOTC.
SERV 5°-UFF.3°-N°2931; one encl.

Rome, 31 March 1945

TO: The S/Commission A.C.
Rail Division.

SUBJECT: Circaumnea Rly.
Increase of operating
programme.

1. The Operating Direction of above Railway in concession has forwarded an application for authority to increase present operating programme, the new programme viewing the daily operation of all present Steam powered and Diesel Trains as well as the operation of a new couple of Diesel trains btw. Catania and Palermo and two new couples of Diesel trains btw. Catania and Adrano.
2. Above programme involves and additional consumption of 159 tons coal, 5,500 kcs Diesel Oil, 420 kcs lubricants.
3. We beg to send hereto attached a detailed prospect showing all data necessary to investigate above application.
4. This Ministry is of the opinion that the request should be granted, in view of the importance of the area served by the railway in question, and considering that to carry out the new programme no more stock is required than that presently in use.
5. We await that S/Commission's decision.

THE MINISTER
CERABONA

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ISPETTORATO CC PARLAMENTARE DI

<p>azienda concessionaria</p>	<p>Società Italiana di Lavori Pubblici - Ferrovia Circumstria</p>
<p>Linea e tronco</p>	<p>Catania - Jonia Marina</p>
<p>Estremi</p>	<p>119,449,25</p>
<p>Lunghezza chilometri</p>	<p>2 coppie a vapore - 3 coppie automotrici</p>
<p>N.ro coppie</p>	<p>Giornali: (2 coppie autotrasportive) Tri-sett: (1 coppia a vapore) (1 coppia automotrice)</p>
<p>Frequenza (giornali o tri-settimanale)</p>	<p>Treni automotrici viaggiatori - Treni a vapore misti</p>
<p>Programma vigente</p>	<p>Automotrici Km. 5000 A vapore " 11.000</p>
<p>Treni chilometro</p>	<p>3 coppie automotrici</p>
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<p>Frequenza (giornali o tri-settimanale)</p>	<p>Automotrici: viaggiatori A vapore: misto</p>
<p>Tipo del servizio (viaggiatori, merci-misto)</p>	<p>Automotrici 9500 Vapore 5500</p>
<p>Treni chilometro</p>	<p>Catania-Corso Italia A Paternò - Adrano - Jonia Marina</p>
<p>andata</p>	<p>Part. da Paternò-Adrano-Jonia Marina</p>
<p>ritorno</p>	<p>Arr. a Paternò-Adrano-Jonia Marina</p>
<p>Carbone Tonn.</p>	<p>Tonn. 159</p>
<p>Nafta Tonn.</p>	<p>Kg. 5500</p>
<p>Lubrificanti Kg.</p>	<p>Autom. Kg. 250 - Vapore Kg. 170</p>
<p>Energia elettrica</p>	<p>Potenza occorrente kW Potenza oraria Kw.-ora Ore dello punto mazzime Potenza massima durante le punte</p>
<p>Locomotive a vapore N.</p>	<p>==</p>
<p>Locomotori elettrici N.</p>	<p>==</p>
<p>Automotrici elettriche N.</p>	<p>==</p>
<p>Automotrici Diesel N.</p>	<p>==</p>

Impiego materiale
 Materiale occorrente
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Catania - Jonia Marina

119,449,25

Lunghezza chilometri

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Locomotori elettrici N.

Automotrici elettriche N.

Automotrici Diesel N.

Bagagli N.

Carrozze viaggiatori N.

Carri merci aperti N.

Carri merci chiusi N.

Linea e tronco

Programma vigente

Aumento proposto

Orario della proposta di aumento

Fabbisogno combustibili o energia per la proposta di aumento

Impegno materiale rotabile occorrente per l'aumento

2 coppie a vapore - 3 coppie automotrici

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Tripart: (1 coppia automotrici)

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Paternò-Adrano-Jonia Mar. Catania Borgo-Corso Italia

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Lo stesso materiale ore disponibile

IL DIRETTORE COMPARTIMENTALE

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SIGNAL BY TELEPHONE.

FROM: ALCOM SICILIA REGION FROM LYNCH
TO : ALCOM ROME. N° RTC 171 DATED 17 FEB 45.

PARA 1. IN CONFERENCE WITH DR TUCCIO IT HAS BEEN DEEMED NECESSARY TO CANCEL ALL LONG DISTANCE PASSENGER TRAINS AND NARROW GAUGE FROM MONDAY 18 FEB UNTIL ALLOTMENT OF COAL ARRIVES.

PARA 2. LIST OF TRAINS TO FOLLOW.

Muzo Long

Noted Desk. 20/2

Cabled Lynch road would arrive in Palermo 24 Feb. Muzo Long

1000 20/2



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TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION, AC.
(RAIL DIVISION)
C/o Transportation Increment
G.M.F.

3 April 1945

Tel. 845238
Ref: AC/16/1/Tn 4

SUBJECT : Train Service between Palermo & Messina

TO : Transportation Officer Sicily

1. Reference RS/55 dated 27 March.
2. It is realized that daily passenger service between Palermo and Messina is desirable.
3. The coal position is such that we cannot authorize more coal for passenger services and we do not want passenger traffic moved in preference to freight.
4. If you can revise your schedules so that a thru daily passenger service can be established on your present coal allotment without injury to freight service, we are agreeable to such service.

P.G.MATSON, Major T.C.

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ALIED COMMISSION
SICILIA REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 394

IL/cc
Ref : RS/53
Date: 27 Mar. 45.

SUBJECT: Train Service between Palermo & Messina.

TO : Trans Sub-Commission Hq.AC.(Rail Section.)
c/o Trans Increment.C.M.F.

1. The following request has been forwarded to me by Dr.Tuccio & I strongly recommend this in view of the present situation & it is an answer to our problem which has been the subject of a special report to Col.Thomas:

" As you know, there is a daily diesel passenger service now running between Messina and Palermo for the combined use of the Military and Civilians.

During these last days the volume of Military passenger traffic has increased to such an extent that it cannot be entertained by the present service. It is also forecast that it will become larger in the next future.

In view of this and to avoid possible inconveniences it is suggested that a special daily steam train service be established between Messina and Palermo and viceversa, for the duration of this special flow of Military, with the following schedule:

Messina Dep. 1530 - Palermo Arr. 2105
Palermo " 0400 - Messina " 0945

The Military in question are cooperators moving from their quarters in the Mainland to various destinations in the Island on a short leave.

We are asking for your authority to start the proposed schedule."



IRVINE-LYNCH
Capt RE's (M.C. Sec)
Trans Sub-Commission.

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TO : Trans Sub-Commission HQ.AC.(Rail Section.)
c/o Trans Increment.C.M.F.

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Capt RE's(M.C.Sec)
Trans Sub-Commission.

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TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION, AC.
(RAIL DIVISION)
c/o Transportation Increment
C.M.F.

Tel. 843238

Ref. AC/16/1/Tn 4

17 February 45

TO : Regional Commissioner, Sicily
(for Capt Irvine LYNCH)

SUBJECT: Increase and Extension of Passenger Service.

1. Reference is to your RS/IL/50, dated 12 Feb. 45.
2. It is not possible to agree to any further extension of steam passenger services in Sicily at the moment. The coal supply is based on 9,000 tons monthly to meet the essential freight requirements, and it is anticipated that passenger demands for coal will not vary for some time to come.

O. Lindberg, Lt. Col.
O.H. LINDBERG
Lt. Col. R.E.,
MERRITT H. TAYLOR
Director, Tn Sub-Commission.

for

ALLIED COMMISSION
SICILIA REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 394

IL/cc
Ref : RS/IL/50
Date: 12 Feb 45.

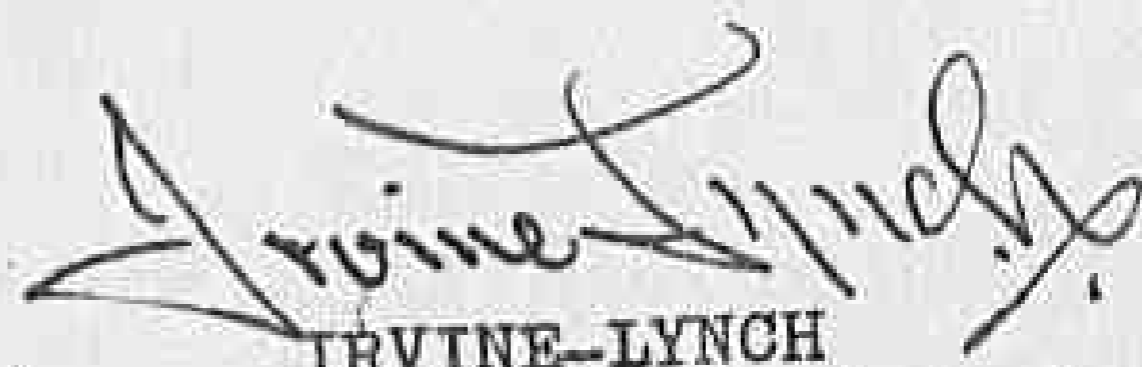
SUBJECT: Increase and Extension of Passenger Service.

TO : Trans Sub-Commission AC (Rail Section)
c/o Trans Increment C.M.F.

1. As the result of a conversation I had with Dr Tuccio we beg to make application for authority to operate the line Castelvetro-P.Empedocle as far as Menfi as they are isolated in this part of the island & strong representations have been made to put this into effect.

2. The increase of coal consumption would only amount to about 100 tons per month. Kindly look into this matter.

3. We would also request that the passenger service should be increased from two times a week to 3 times a week on the standard gauge line. The trains especially Catania & Palermo are crowded to an impossible extent. This would involve an additional coal consumption of 500 tons per month not an unreasonable amount.


IRVINE-LYNCH
Capt RE's (M.C. Sec)
Trans Sub-Commission.

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TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION, AC.
(RAIL DIVISION)
c/o Transportation Increment
C.M.P.

Vol. 843403
Our Ref. 16/1/18 4

2 February 1945

TO : Regional Commissioner Sicilia Region
for Rail Officer Palermo
Regional Commissioner Southern Region
for Rail Officer Reggio.

SUBJECT : U.S.A. Rolling Stock.

- 1. Attached copy of letter from Director MRS is forwarded for information and action as necessary.

By order of Rear Admiral Stone

for
G.R. LEWIS, Lieut. Col.
Merritt H. Taylor
Director in Sub-Commission.

Roma,

27-1-45

M. 210/2359/224-N 211 0

A.C/100/94/Tn.4 dal 23 corr.

Servizio Movimento

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALIATA
Sottocommissione Trasporti

Trono trisettimanale
Napoli-Foggia-Bari.

E.F.D.N.

I - La nuova comunicazione trisettimanale
Napoli-Foggia-Bari, in sostituzione dell'attuale
servizio per civili disimpegnato fra Napoli-Foggia-Bari e
tradotto militari, dovrebbe avere il seguente orario con le fermate
in caso indicate:

T.V. 315

21.05	
21.47	21.58
22.38	23.00
1.46	1.46
3.18	3.23
5.45	6.00
6.50	6.55
7.42	7.50
8.08	8.10
8.33	8.35
9.10	

T.V. 316

Napoli	9.40
Aversa	8.41
Capua	7.46
Benevento	4.48
Ariano	3.25
Foggia	0.30
Cerignola	23.34
Bari	22.20
Trani	22.01
Molfette	21.36
Bari	21.00

II - Per poter assicurare a questi treni la coincidenza, molto im-
portante, da e per Roma con i treni 791 e 792, che si effettuano
rispettivamente nei giorni di lunedì, mercoledì, venerdì e martedì,
giovedì, sabato, i nuovi treni dovrebbero aver luogo nei giorni

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Sottocommissione Trasporti

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Treno trisettimanale
Napoli-Foggia-Bari.

I - In nuova comunicazione trisettimanale
Napoli-Foggia-Bari, in sostituzione dell'attuale
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	<u>T.V. 813</u>		<u>T.V. 813</u>
21.05		Napoli	9.40
21.47	21.56	Aversa	5.41
22.36	23.00	Caserta	7.46
1.16	1.45	Benevento	4.45
3.12	3.29	Ariano	3.25
5.45	6.00	Foggia	0.30
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di lunedì, mercoledì e venerdì sia in partenza da Napoli che da Bari. Per poter fare ciò è necessario l'impiego di altro materiale.

III - Qualora non si potesse disporre di altro materiale sarebbe opportuno assicurare la coincidenza del treno nord-sud e pertanto il Napoli-Bari dovrebbe effettuarsi nei giorni di lunedì, mercoledì e venerdì in partenze da Napoli, ed il Bari-Napoli nei giorni di martedì, giovedì e sabato in partenze da Bari.

IV - I nuovi treni dovranno essere soggetti a contingentamento con le stesse norme adottate per i treni fra Roma e Napoli.

V - Si saranno citando gradite vorreste darvi al più presto possibile il vostro benestare per poter disporre tempestivamente le disposizioni di dettaglio agli organi dipendenti per l'inizio del nuovo servizio ai primi di febbraio p.v.

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE

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Movement Section
Rome Division

Jan. 1945 16/1/45

ref. M.14B/1115.GN.VIII

TO Movement Dept.
c/o General Direction

Subject: Roma-Frascati line

With reference to your letter K.12.102.0.I of 22 Jan. 1945 we beg to report the text of a letter from MRS dated Jan. 17th ult on the subject of the construction of a safety dead-siding at Ciampino; above letter has been addressed to the Works Sect. and, for information, to both Traction and Movement Sections.

MILITARY RAILWAY SERVICE

531.7 OP

17.1.1945

Sub. Train service line 264 (Roma-Frascati)

1. Reference is made to our letter 16.1.45 authorizing a bi-weekly train service btw. roma and Frascati
2. The section of line btw. Ciampino and Frascati is a very difficult un-grade 36x 3.5%. Before starting the operation btw. Ciampino and Frascati the Commanding Officer 715 Op.Bn. shall contact ISK as to the construction of a short safety line for the Frascati line, north of Ciampino, in order to protect the main line in case of uncontrolled back-running of either the train or some cars towards Ciampino. The normal position of said safety line will be in the descending direction.
3. The Commanding Officer 715 Op.Bn. to inform this HQ as soon as above safety line is ready.

sgd. col. Moss

TO COMMANDING OFFICER 715 Op.Bn.

CAPO COMPARTIMENTO ROMA

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16/1/16

ALLIED COMMISSION
SICILIA REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 394

IL/cc
Ref : RS/IL/49
Date: 23 Jan 45.

SUBJECT: Railway Traffic.

TO : Transportation Sub-Commission AC (Rail Section)
c/o Transportation Increment C.M.F.

Dr Tuccio has requested me to put the following proposal before the Tn Sub-Commission:

1. Repairs of the Narrow Gauge lines Bivona to Magaz-zolo and Porto Empedocle to Menfi are now completed.
2. We are now pressed by civilians living in that district of the island to reopen these lines to the traffic which local authorities deem very important for the local economic life.
3. We propose to establish a two trains per week service on each direction along these two lines.
4. Total additional mileage can be figured at 2480 and coal consumption at about 100 tons per month.
5. In view of the additional coal allotment promised I think this might be possible. Please advise.

A. W. H. Irvine Lynch

A.W.H. IRVINE LYNCH
Capt RE., Tn Sub-Comm
Div Supt AC.

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ALLIED FORCE
MILITARY RAILWAY SERVICE
OFFICE OF DIRECTOR ITALY

A.P.O. 512
28 January 1945

453 OP

SUBJECT: U.S.A. Rolling Stock.

TO: ✓ Rail Section, Tn. Sub-Commission, Allied Commission
G-4, Mov & Tn, AFHQ
Commanding Officer, 701st Railway Grand Division.

1. U.S.A. rolling stock is to be restricted for use on the Italian Mainland. It will not be loaded or moved to Sicily. It is requested that G-4, Mov & Tn, AFHQ, notify the Services that this equipment is restricted for use on the Italian Mainland. Any U.S.A. rolling stock received at Reggio loaded for Sicily the lading must be transferred to other equipment.

For the Director:

R. P. MOSS
R. P. MOSS
Lt.Col. T.C.
Deputy Director-Operations

cc-AD Tn 3 (M)
AD Tn 3 (O)
Supt. Transportation-774th RGD

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TRANSLATION

Ministry of Transports
I.S.R. - General Direction
Movement Department

Rome Nov. 25th 1944
Ref. M.21C/9080/41 B/ICCA/1466/28

TO
ALLIED COMMISSION
Transportation S/Commission
ROMA

Subject:
Communications between Sicily and the Mainland

- 1) The High Commissioner for the Sicily has urgently pressed that speedy communications between Roma, Napoli and Sicily be operated.
- 2) Above request is fully justified; for the time being a better communication at least between Napoli and the Sicily could be obtained by means of the new couple of through-trains operating from nov. 13th ult. between Napoli and Reggio Calabria.
- 3) In order to attain above purpose following alterations would be necessary:
 - a) to alter present timings of the automotrices operating between Palermo and Messina and btw. Messina and Siracusa, according to following approximate new schedule:

Palermo dep.	0640	Messina arr.	0050
Messina "	1755	Palermo "	2200
Siracusa dep.	0730	Messina arr.	1100
Messina "	1805	Siracusa "	2145
 - b) to operate a new couple of ferry-boats according following approximate schedule:

Messina dep.	1130	Reggio C. arr.	1230
Reggio C. "	1300	Messina "	1400
- 4) Above solution would not require a further allotment of both stock and fuel on the Sicily lines; as for the new ferry-services, the same boat, presently operating the ~~same~~ two other services, could be employed.

Director General D.S.R.
sgd. G. Di Raimondo

Copy to D.M.R.S.

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~~MESSINA~~

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Fm S.C. 16/1/13

MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI
GABINETTO

Roma 9 October 1944

N. *F/X/2/8218*

Risposta al N.

OGGETTO: Trasporti ferroviari in Sicilia
Railway transportation in Sicily.

HEADQUARTERS
1 OCT 1944
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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
TRANSPORT SUB-COMMISSION

COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO
SOTTOCOMMISSIONE TRASPORTI

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We receive many entreaties for a larger number of trains to be operated in Sicily; the conditions of railway and car transports are there quite insufficient for the needs of the population.

Viene da più parti richiesta una maggiore concessione di treni da effettuarsi in Sicilia, dove le condizioni dei trasporti non sono sufficienti in relazione ai bisogni della popolazione.

For the above mentioned reasons and considering that the resumption of economical life in this island is very important for our whole Country, we entreat that the authorizations for the operations of trains might be granted in a larger number; these authorizations will be requested each time by the depending General Direction.

Per le sopra indicate ragioni e tenuto conto che la ripresa economica dell'isola ha particolare importanza per tutto il Paese in genere, si prega vivamente di voler concedere in maggior misura le autorizzazioni per effettuare treni; autorizzazioni che saranno man mano richieste dalla Direzione Generale dipendente.

At the same time we beg you kin-

In pari tempo si prega altresì

OGGETTO: Trasporti ferroviari in Sicilia
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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
TRANSPORT SUB-COMMISSION

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At the same time, we beg you kindly to dispose for a larger allotment of fuel for services of public utility of this island.

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In pari tempo si prega altresì di voler disporre per ~~la~~ ^{la} assegnazione dei carburanti destinati per gli usi civili dell'isola sia aumentata.

Waiting for a kind reply, we hope you may agree with us on the above mentioned requests.

THE MINISTER

Crabum



IL MINISTRO

Crabum

Attendiamo un vostra gentile risposta nella speranza che possiate accordare le sopra indicate richieste.

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TO: HQ ACC FOR TRANSPORTATION SUBCOMMISSION
 FROM: ACC REGION 1
 REFERENCE No:
 DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: AUG 291135B

SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No: 61/30
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 PRECEDENCE: C.C. NONE
 OFFICE OF ORIGIN: CITE: RTG-61



TEST TRIP AUGUST 28 SUCCESSFUL. THROUGH TRAIN SERVICES WILL COMMENCE
1 SEPTEMBER.

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TO: HQ ACC TRANSP SUBCOM
 FROM: ACC REGION 1 RTC -60
 REFERENCE No: NONE
 DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: AUG
 SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No: 13/29
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 OFFICE OF ORIGIN: CITE: RTC-60

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 29 AUG 1944
 A.C.C.

UNOFFICIAL TEST TRIP BEING MADE MONDAY AUGUST 28 PALERMO TO MESSINA THENCE
 CATANIA RETURN PALERMO OVER SIMETO BRIDGE

ACC DIST

ACTION: TN SC (2)

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DATE and Time of RECEIPT AUGUST 29/0856

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

PROVINCE OF REGGIO IN CALABRIA

SUBJECT: TRAIN SERVICE

TO:

REF: REG. I/I/8

23 AUG 44

CAPT MATSON

TN SUB-COMM A.C.C.

PALERMO = SICILY

1. Reference your telephone call 18 th Aug. stating that through passenger train service Palermo to Messina would start about 8 Sept.
2. The I.S.R. officials at Reggio agree that the time stated for arrival Messina is quite suitable for connections beyond. ^{1400 HRS}
3. MOV & TN, Reggio, suggest arrival two hours earlier to allow passengers to obtain permits to cross to the main land at 1800 HRS

W.F. Blair

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W.F. BLAIR, MAJOR
DIV. Supt. TN SUB-COMM

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*H. A. F. C. C.
TN 508-207M
A. P. O. 394*

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INCOMING MESSAGE

16/1/8

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25 AUG 1944
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TO: HQ ACC
FROM: ACC REGION ONE
REFERENCE No: NONE
DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: AUG 231055
SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No: 43/25
CLASSIFICATION: RESTRICTED
PRECEDENCE: NONE
OFFICE OF ORIGIN: CITE RTC-55

REPAIRS TO RAILWAY LINE CATANIA TO MESSINA COMPLETED AND PUT INTO OPERATION TODAY AUGUST
23. SIMETO BRIDGE AND PALERMO-MESSINA LINE WILL BE READY FOR OPERATION ^{within} APPROXIMATELY
SEVEN DAYS

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ACTION TN SC (2)
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APO 394

PGM/cc
Ref :SR/PGM/18
Date 24 Aug. 1944/

SUBJECT: Opening of Narrow Gauge line
Filaga-Palazzo Adriano.

TO : Director, Transportation Sub-Commission ACC.

1. Reference ACC/TN/16/1/6 dated August 14th 1944.
2. Service as requested will be established effective 28 August 1944.
3. We did not intend to commence service on this line at this time but the bus service has again been taken off, so it was necessary for the railway to step in and give service that can be relied upon.

Peter G. Matson
PETER G. MATSON
Capt. T.C.
Trans. Sub-Comm.
Rep. at HQ. Region 1.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Transportation Sub-Commission
APO 394

Our reference: ACC Tn/16/1/6
Date : 14 Aug. 44

TO : Tn. Sub-Comm. representative
c/o Sicily Region Headquarters APO 394

SUBJECT: Opening of Narrow gauge line
Filaga-Palazzo Adriano.

1. Reference your SR/PCM/15 dated 5 August 1944.
2. Permission is granted for the establishment of three mixed trains per week on the above line, under the conditions mentioned in your letter quoted above.
3. Kindly inform this Headquarters of completion of repairs and institution of Service.

D.S. Adams
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Colonel, U.S.
Tn. Sub-Comm.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 394

HEADQUARTERS
5 AUG 1944
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PGM/cc
Ref : SR/PGM/15
Date: 5 Aug 1944.

SUBJECT: Opening of Narrow gauge line
Filaga-Palazzo Adriano.

TO : Director, Transportation Sub-Commission, ACC.

1. Permission is requested to establish three mixed trains per week on the above line.

2. The coal consumption will be twenty tons per month and the additional Kms. will be 328 per month.

3. The reason for requesting this service is the absolute unreliability of motor transport. The two cities on this line, with a population of 16,000 and 10,000 respectively were without transportation recently for thirty days. Bus service has been temporarily reestablished thru our efforts.

4. The line has not been in operation for four years but is in very good condition and can be put in condition for operation within fifteen days at little expense. No material is required, it is just a matter of labor to put the track in condition.

5. No additional equipment will be required as the same equipment that is now used on the Lercara Bassa-Bivona run can be utilized between Filaga - Palazzo Adriano.

6. Due to the small capacity of the narrow gauge lines the ~~trains~~ naturally will be to replace these services with buses and trucks when the conditions permit so the reopening of the line is only temporary.

7. My recommendation is that service be established as requested and temporary repairs made to line. 4401

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Peter G. Matson
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Capt. T.C.
Trans. Sub-Comm.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 394

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14 June 1944

SUBJECT : Restoration Rail Service.
Palermo-Messina

TO : Director, Transportation Sub-Commission, ACC.,
HQ. Allied Control Commission.

1. Reference ACC Tn/16/148 dated 8 June 1944.
Noted.

2. Palermo-Messina service for passengers went into effect 12 June 1944 and on the first day 122 passengers traveled over this route; one bus only is available for this service and the capacity of the schedule is 320 passengers on each day that the schedule is in effect. The schedule is so arranged that the Bus can make any necessary trips up to three.
The schedule is as follows:

Leave Palermo	Arrive S.Stef.	Leave S.Stef.	Arrive S.Agata	Leave S.Agata	Arrive Messina
Wed. 845	1500	1530	1700	300	0740
Mon 7					
Fri 1500	1930	2000	2130	300	0740
Sat. 1710	2100	2130	2300	300	0740
Leave Messina	Arrive S.Agata	Leave S.Agata	Arrive S.Stef.	Leave S.Stef.	Arrive Palermo
Mond. 1625	2120	2200	2330	0325	0735
Tue. 1625	2120	2330	0100	0430	0925
Thurs. 1625	2120	2330	0100	0600	1230

3. The new service is much appreciated by the public and makes travel possible for a greater number of passengers than was formerly handled by the auto bus.

A similar arrangement has been in effect for some time between Ionia and Messina.
At present there are no other locations where such a service is justified.

4. Noted.

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For the Regional Commissioner:

O.H. Lindberg, Lt. Col.
O.H. LINDBERG, R.E.,
Lt. Col., Trans. Sub-Comm., ACC.,
Rep. at HQ. Region 1

- Note 1. The train conveys freight wagons for intermediate stations up to San Stefano.
- Note 2. New train miles are only incurred as between Palermo and San Stefano.

Sec (Tn S.C.)

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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13 June 1944

FILE:RC/531

SUBJECT: Restoration of Rail service - SICILY, I.S.R.

TO : Executive Commissioner
R.C. & M.G. Section
H.Q. A.C.C. Naples
for Transportation Sub-Commission, A.C.C.

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17 JUN 1944

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17 JUN 1944
A.C.C.

TM/16/148 of 8 JUN refers.

1. The regional Commissioner acknowledges receipt of Lt Col Vining's letter of above reference.
2. Regarding paras 2 and 3 of letter, attention is directed to weekly SICILIAN Transportation (Rail) Report of 9 JUN which gives latest details.

For the Regional Commissioner

D. Money-Fletcher Lt Colonel

D. MONEY-FLETCHER
Lt Colonel
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Encl-weekly sicilian transportation(rail)report PR/OHL/26
9/6/44.

COPY TO: Transportation Sub-Commission, SICILY

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17 June 1944

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 394

Copy for Regional Commission. No. 1. Reg.

Ref: FR/CHI/23
Date: June 9, 1944

TO : Director, Transportation Sub-Commission
HQ. Allied Control Commission
Trans. Sub-Comm. APO 394

SUBJECT : Weekly Sicilian Transportation (Rail) report
from 0001 hours Monday May 29, 1944
to 2400 hours Sunday June 4, 1944

1. Basic schedule of trains

Standard Number	Pass.		Freight		Mixed		TOTAL	
	No.	Km.	No.	Km.	No.	Km.	No.	Km.
(a) of trains (coal)	205	13926	168	17551	34	12736	407	32865
(diesel)	78	7358	-	-	-	-	78	7358
(b) actually run (coal)	225	15633	316	26711	42	2286	583	44620
(diesel)	190	15218	-	-	-	-	190	15218

2. Additional to Basic schedule

(coal)	20	1707	148	9050	6	1008	176	11755
(diesel)	112	7960	-	-	-	-	112	7860

Increase in basic schedule was due to new time table being put into effect. Mileage in addition to Basic Schedule was run for special military and civilian needs.

3. Tonnage Moved:

3005	Allied Force	A.C.C.	Italian Force	Civil	TOTAL
	1583	28	21007	25623	

(a) Brief Particulars of Predominant Commodities: Army materials, various foodstuffs, salt, oils, salvage, sulphur, flour, rations, fuels, construction and building materials.

(b) No. of personnel moved on trains additional to basic schedule:
5600

(c) Particulars of any essential freight or personnel movement not carried out or not completed according to program with reasons:
NONE.

Subject: weekly civilian transportation (rail) report
from 0001 hours Monday May 29, 1944
to 2400 hours Sunday June 4, 1944

1. Basic schedule of trains
Standard Number

Standard Number	Pass.		Weight		Mixed		TOTAL	
	No.	Mi.	No.	Km.	No.	Km.	No.	Km.
(a) of trains (coal)	205	139358	168	17661	34	12708	407	32565
(diesel)	78	73587	-	-	-	-	78	7358
(b) actually run (coal)	225	156328	316	26711	42	22868	583	44620
(diesel)	190	152187	-	-	-	-	190	15218

2. Additional to

Basic schedule	(coal)	20	17077	148	9050	8	10088	176	11765
(diesel)	112	78607	-	-	-	-	-	112	7860

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NONE.

4. Section of line not open for traffic with reasons:
Same as previous report.

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5. Coal Position:

Tonnage used	Tonnage on hand	Prospective receipts
2162	12995	3000

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MOTIVE POWER AND ROLLING STOCK POSITION

STANDARD GAUGE LOCOMOTIVES

	<u>Frt.</u>	<u>Pass.</u>	<u>Switch</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Diesels</u>
(a) in service	113	34	26	173	16
(b) Stored in good condition	33	6	5	44	--
(c) Waiting heavy repairs	77	12	16	107	3
(d) rebuilding	<u>44</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>--</u>
TOTAL	267	62	49	378	19

NARROW GAUGE LOCOMOTIVES (All freight)

	<u>Adhesion</u>	<u>Track</u>	<u>Total</u>
(a) in service	11	7	18
(b) stored in good condition	13	3	16
(c) waiting heavy repairs	7	2	9
(d) rebuilding	<u>7</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>19</u>
TOTAL	38	24	62

NO. OF CARS UNFIT FOR SERVICE BUT REPAIRABLE LOCALLY.

<u>BOX</u>	<u>COU</u>	<u>FLAT</u>	<u>TANK</u>	<u>OTHERS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
518	676	372	47	42	1595

7. General statement indicating progress of track and station building and repair work:

5 offered for bid, 57 in course of completion. Repair of line San Agata to Prestallo Aquedolci completed on the Palermo Messina line shortening the gap to 19.5 kms but transfers will be made at S. Agata and San Stefano for convenience. 5 jobs completed, 16 started,

8. Any items of special interest or difficulty not covered by above:

(a) Bus Service between San Stefano and San Agata. Arrangements are being made between I.N.T. and the railway to establish regular bus and truck service with restrictions between San Stefano and San Agata thereby establishing limited thru service between Palermo and Messina. This Sub-Com. mission is pushing this arrangement and it is expected the service will be in effect within a few days.

(b) Coal Allotment

An additional 1500 tons monthly allotment of coal has been applied for effective 1 July 1947. See the attached memo 1007

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	<u>Attention</u>	<u>Back</u>	<u>Total</u>
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(c) Repairs to tunnels

The work on the Ferro tunnel at Campo Franco will be completed within a week and it is expected that the line Roccapelunta to Agrigento will be opened for traffic on 15 June 1944.

(d) Repair work at Catania and Mounicella workshops.

When in Catania on 3 June, I discovered that these 2 shops were only working 3 days a week on account of power cut

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I called a meeting for Monday 5 and this was attended by Major Crowther, A.C.C. Electricity, the Railway Engineer and the manager electric works.

I pointed out that there were 150 men at one shop and 200 at the other working only 3 days a week, on account of the ration scheme for electric power for the machines.

After discussion, it was agreed that the two shops in question will be given the necessary 25 kilo each for 6 days a week instead of three days.

This new arrangement was effective as from 5 inst.

For the Regional Commissioner:

O. H. Lindberg, Lt. Col.

O.H.LINDBERG, R.E.,

Lt.Col., Trans. Sub-Comm., ACC.?

Rep. at HQ. Region 1

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS
AFC 394

Gen Di Raimondo is coming to see me on Saturday 3rd inst. 11-00 hours. Put up the report to me. on 3rd inst.

Ref: ACC TR/DE/7
Date: 29 May 1944

SUBJECT: Sicilian Railways.

TO : Lt.Col.L.E.Vinins, Director,
Transportation Sub-Commission, ACC.

1. Following is preliminary progress report on inspection of above and action taken for restoration of service on lines of major importance.

2. On arrival at Palermo conversations were had with Regional Commissioner, A.C.C., Commanding Officer, I.B.S., and officials of Italian State Railways and plans ^{for} inspection developed.

3. 23 May inspection line west of Palermo. Most unsatisfactory situation at Alcamo Diramazzone; no apparent effort to clear wrecked wagons in this large classification yard and to release undamaged stocks - in over nine months. Numerous employees; apparently spending time on flower gardens. Vigorous corrective action taken by General Di Raimondo. Yard now being cleared of explosives by Italian army engineers.

4. Line Trapani - Castelvetrano interrupted at four blown bridges; repairs started - progress delayed by lack of cement. This line serves important wheat and wine area and rail transport needed to move new crops. Release of some cement secured to Palermo and further action under way. Expected date restoration of service now 31 July; may be subject for further reduction.

5. 24 May conferred with C.C., I.B.S., and C.C., U.S. Naval Operating Base regarding possibilities of obtaining bridging material and piling. Both most cooperative and arranged for immediate release of some materials, with more to follow. General Di Raimondo arranged with C.C., Sabauda division, Italian army, to provide assistance removing explosives from rail yards and lines. Regional Commissioner, ACC, Colonel Hancock entertained General Di Raimondo, Lt.Col.Brown and others at dinner party, at which High Commissioner for Sicily (Italian Govt) was present. After discussion decided rail line, Palermo-Messina, would be of greatest advantage in restoration of civilian economy and contact with mainland.

Done at lunch to Gen Vinins and take away with me. Done on 29/5/44

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6. 25 May departed for Messina; inaugurated train service San Agata - Capo D'Orlando so that only some 25 kms., (east of San Stefano to S. Agata), remain before through service can be resumed. There are four blown bridges in last named area - one very long. All under contract and some material progress. However, since it will be four to five months before permanent repairs can be completed, now working on places to quickly set up detour lines- with assistance of U.S. and British armies.

Some of lines to be worked on by the army and the navy had been

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Restoration of service in comparatively short link remaining unopened will permit real saving of gasoline and rubber of military vehicles. Before departure from Sicily, it is expected that details of construction will be arranged.

7. 26 May inspected shops in Messina, with particular reference materials available. Found surprising quantities some; as well as numerous serviceable locomotives and wagons. Cleaning of facilities generally will in hand. Inspected blown bridges and tunnels line Messina - Catania. Work started and in many cases excellent progress. Delay at others by lack of explosives and gasoline for transport. (See below). Major Street came over from Reggio, to give advice re removal of Capo Compartimento, I.S.Ry, at Reggio, by A.C.C. Officer. Data made available to Gen. Di Raimondo - without comment by Th. S/C Officer. Maj. Baister joined party at this point.

8. 27 May inspected shops at Catania, again noting real progress made in rehabilitation. Noted plentitude of many materials, with few immediate shortages. Locomotive and wagon repairs well in hand. Visited Sineto bridge - (this is important project for restoration of rail service Palermo-Catania direct). Much discussion regarding obtaining lumber from mainland has heretofore been had. Materials now at bridge site plus piling contributed by U.S. Navy in response to our request, and lumber, later located by party, near Siculiana, will permit construction of bridge without resort to any material from mainland. Estimate completion 1 August.

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10. 29 May. Contacted U.S. Army and Navy Officers in Palermo, requesting assistance with materials, all of which were cooperatively given, to maximum extent available. Major Baister making detailed study of Stores stocks.

11. While in Catania contacted G.C.C. No. 1 District Maj. Gen. Heydeman, who agreed to "Contribute" 10 to 12 tons explosives and a squad of sappers to assist in clearing several tunnels in Catania - Messina line. Gen. Heydeman most cooperative and instructed his Engineer Officer to accord all assistance possible.

12. While on tour contacted Provincial Officers, A.C.C. who expressed interest in rehabilitation program, stating needs of their areas and general satisfaction with plans.

*Gen Heydeman agree
to contribute explosives
to our bridge project*

Gen. Di Raimondo wants to railway employees at

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11. While in Catania contacted C.C.C. No. 1 District ~~of~~ ^{to} Maj. Gen. Heydeman, who agreed to "Contribute" 10 to 12 tons explosives and a squad of sappers to assist in clearing several tunnels in Catania - Messina line. Gen. Heydeman most cooperative and instructed his Engineer Officer to accord all assistance possible.

12. While on tour contacted Provincial Officers, A.C.C. who expressed interest in rehabilitation program, stating needs of their areas and general satisfaction with plans.

13. General Di Raimondo spoke to railway employees at various points and was given generally enthusiastic reception. There were some complaints of food shortages and inability to obtain shoes-necessary for railway work. General Di Raimondo praised local railway officials where they had made progress, and spoke severely to those who had been dilatory. Care was taken that A.C.C. M.S./C officers remained in background during these talks but General reported fully after each.

14. There is much remaining to be done, including (a) detailed inspections of loco. repair shops (Ry and Navy Yard) at Palermo (b) detailed check of material requirements (c) examination into

*Gen Heydeman of one
line locomotive present
at Caltanissetta*

*We can identify
shoes for the
Messina Cat C.
at shops at the
line a pair
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points agreed in prior to departure from Naples (d) completion of arrangements for construction of detours necessary to open Palermo-Messina line. Gen. Di Raimondo has issued orders that no new employees are to be hired except for essential positions, approved by Th. S/C Representatives, and that efforts shall be made to reduce rolls and promote efficiency.

15. Gen. Di Raimondo expressed desire to return to Naples on 30 May and air passage has been arranged. He will bring this preliminary report with him.

16.. It is felt highly desirable that undersigned and Lt. Barone remain in Sicily until inspections are completed and work arranged for, especially in opening Palermo-Messina line, is started.

17. Detailed report will be submitted later.



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Our Reference : APC 70/16/48

Date : 6 June '44

To : Regional Commissioner,
Region I, APC.

SUBJECT : Restoration of Rail Service - Sicily - I.C.C.

1. Upon return from recent trips to Sicily, my deputy, Lieut-Colonel G.D. Ericson, has told me of progress made in restoration of major rail lines, as well as plans for immediate future.
2. I concur with Lieut-Colonel Brown's opinion that the restoration of service on Palermo-Messina line is most desirable. His idea expressed in conference with you, of setting up a train service, Palermo-San Stefano and St Agata-Messina, with a motor truck transfer around the 23.5 kilometre break, appears to be possible, and should have many advantages. As soon as this service can be introduced an immediate reduction in number of automobiles and trucks would follow between Palermo and Messina. You will appreciate the necessity for about possible conservation of trucks, tyres, gasoline and lubricants. The 'detour', of 23.5 kilometres would make a real saving versus some 250 kilometres by road with heavy grades.
3. I shall be interested to hear what you accomplish in this connection not only from the standpoint of benefit to Sicily but as a guide to the possibility of establishing similar 'detours' elsewhere, and for that reason would like to have full details in due course.
4. The assistance extended by you and others officers of your Region to Lieut-Colonel Brown and the others who accompanied him during his trip is much appreciated. It is the desire of Transportation Sub-Commission to work with you in closest accord for restoration of Sicily's railways. It is hoped that you will advise this Sub-Commission of any matters in which we may be of any assistance.

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